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REMARKS

After entry of the amendments, claims 1, 3-13, 20-23 and 46-49 are pending. Claims 2, 14-19 and 24-45 have been canceled without prejudice to future prosecution.

Amendments to claims 1 and 20 are supported by the specification and claims as filed. For example, support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found in now canceled claims 2 and 14. Support for the amendment to claim 20 can be found in the specification, including in paragraphs 0088, 0119, 0122, or 0132. Moreover, new claims 46-49 are similarly supported; for example, in now canceled claims 15, 17 and 18 and in the specification at pages 41-51. Amendments to claims 10-13 and 21-23 are also supported by the specification. A mere clerical error has also been corrected by amendment to claim 1. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

In response to the restriction requirement mailed October 3, 2005, Applicants elect Group I and SEQ ID NO: 19 for prosecution on the merits.

(I) Claims 1-23, 31, drawn to compounds 8 to 80 nucleobases in length targeted to a nucleic acid encoding growth hormone receptor (GHR) nucleic acid, classified in class 536, subclass 24.5.

FEEs

A petition and fee for a 5-month extension of time have been submitted along with this response. It is believed that there are no other fees due. However, if an additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate amount to the Deposit Account Number 50-0252.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants believe that the foregoing comprises a full and complete response to the Office Action of Record. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would

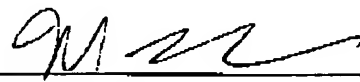
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expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned
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Respectfully submitted,

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